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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**SUBJECT: NSC Briefing Topics for 24 February 1955**

1. Next Tuesday's holiday means that the first rehearsal of DCI's briefing topics for the NSC meeting of Thursday 24 February will take place at 1715 Monday, 21 February. In consequence, concerned divisions will be forced to meet an early deadline (noon, Monday).

2. Subject to the usual responsibility for spot developments over the weekend and on Tuesday/Wednesday, the following topics are assigned. NOTE that, with the exception of the news update on the Off-shore Islands, these various topics form an "architectural" whole, as follows:

DIVISION**GRAPHICS**

☐ - France's next Premier-designate (effects of none extension of Cabinet crisis beyond 14th day)

(transition: Moscow's latest disarmament proposal takes advantage of the continuing French crisis; by emphasis on dangers of atomic war for Europe's crowded populations, is another shot in campaign to frustrate rearmament of Germany (the USSR's major bit of "unfinished business" in the West).

- Bundestag prospects for Paris Accords (as none affected by French crisis, Soviet pressures).

(transition: in addition to this priority interest, Moscow watches forthcoming events in Japan /the USSR's major bit of "unfinished business" in the East/. There, despite recent Kremlin shifts, the campaign for "normalized Relations" continues, with first direct negotiations between Japan and the USSR scheduled soon in New York).

☐ -Japanese Election prospects (the outcome /Diet pie? may settle the immediate future of renaissant Check what conservatism and, in the hard context of US- would show/ Japanese relations, will certainly be followed by Japanese foreign policy actions superficially favorable to the Orbit).

(this concludes "architecture")

- Offshore Islands update

Usual stock

☐ - Responsibility for "transition" material, as indicated above.

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